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***Raised Bill No. 1195***

LCO No. 4227

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF INFLUENZA AND  
PNEUMOCOCCAL POLYSACCHARIDE VACCINES BY LICENSED  
HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY STAFF.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after October 1,  
2       2007, a nurse who is employed by an agency licensed by the  
3       Department of Public Health as a home health care agency or a  
4       homemaker-home health aide agency may administer influenza and  
5       pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines to adult patients in their  
6       homes, after an assessment for contraindications, without a physician's  
7       order in accordance with a physician-approved agency policy,  
8       provided the administration is in accordance with the regulations  
9       established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

10       (b) Not later than September 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Public  
11       Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the  
12       general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section. Such  
13       regulations shall (1) require any nurse who administers influenza or  
14       pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine to an adult patient pursuant to  
15       this section to successfully complete an immunization training

16 program for nurses; (2) define the basic requirements of such training  
17 program, which shall include training and instruction in  
18 preadministration education and screening, vaccine storage and  
19 handling, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, recordkeeping,  
20 vaccine safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic cardiac life  
21 support and adverse event reporting; (3) identify qualifying training  
22 programs, which are accredited by the National Centers for Disease  
23 Control Prevention or other appropriate national accrediting body; and  
24 (4) establish a system of control and reporting.

25 (c) For purposes of this section, "nurse" means an advanced practice  
26 registered nurse, registered nurse or practical nurse licensed under  
27 chapter 378 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow licensed nurses employed by home health care agencies to administer influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines to adult patients in their homes.

***[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]***